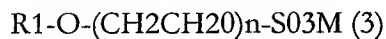


AMENDMENTS TO THE ABTRACT

Please replace the Abstract listed in the Notice of Allowance dated April 12, 2010, with the following replacement Abstract:

“A water base ink for ink-jet recording contains a self-dispersible coloring agent, a propylene glycol ether, and a surfactant ~~composed of a random copolymer~~ represented by the following general formula (3):



wherein R1 represents an alkyl group having a number of carbon atoms of 12 to 15, M represents Na or triethanolamine, and n represents an integer of 2 to 4, and wherein the propylene glycol ether is dipropylene glycol propyl ether. The ink satisfies three requirements of i) the satisfactory initial introduction performance of the ink into an ink flow passage of a stacked type printer head, ii) the prevention of the occurrence of feathering, and iii) the prevention of the insufficient spread of the ink.”

The Amendment above has been made to clarify that the subject represented by the general formula (3) is not a “random copolymer”, thereby reflecting the original language from the Application as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by the above amendment.